

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A water skipping article, comprising:

a three-dimensional body having a substantially smooth ~~edged~~ and elliptical ~~outer perimeter~~ exterior surface, an outermost extending perimeter edge being circular in outline, said body further including a side profile defined by upper and lower elliptically extending faces which converge into said outer perimeter, and

said body exhibiting a smooth and continuous exterior surface and further defining a hollowed and interior cavity suspended within said body, said body further including substantially elliptical and interiorly extending surfaces defining said interior cavity;

wherein, upon a user launching said article in a substantially horizontal trajectory and with a specified rotational spin, said interior cavity causing centrifugal forces to be applied to said outer perimeter of said article and said elliptically extending faces increasing individual incidences of said article contacting a water surface.

2. (Currently Amended) The water skipping article as described in claim 1, said body having a specified width and thickness and being constructed from ~~a material selected from the group including~~ at least one of an environmentally inert and biodegradable material.

3. (Original) The water skipping article as described in claim 1, said body having a specified width to thickness ratio in a range of between 3:1 to 5:1.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The water skipping article as described in claim 1, said elliptical and interiorly extending surfaces defining said interior cavity further having a specified width to thickness ratio of at least 2:1.

6. (Currently Amended) The water skipping article as described in claim 5, said elliptical and interiorly extending surfaces defining said interior cavity further defining a specified width to thickness ratio of between 2:1 to 3:1.

7. (Original) The water skipping article as described in claim 3, said body having a width in the range of between 2.0" to 4.0" and a thickness in a range of .500" to 1.00".

8. (Currently Amended) The water skipping article as described in claim 7, said body including ~~substantially elliptical and interiorly extending surfaces defining said interior cavity,~~ said elliptical interior cavity defining a width in the range of 1" to 1.5" and a thickness in the range of .4" to .6".

9. (Currently Amended) A water skipping article for use by a user in launching the article in a substantially horizontal trajectory and with a specified rotational spin, said article comprising:

a three-dimensional body constructed of a material selected from ~~the group including~~ at least one of biodegradable materials and environmentally inert materials and having an elliptically shaped smooth and continuous exterior surface with a substantially ~~elliptical~~ circular

and smooth edged outer perimeter, said body further including a side profile defined by upper and lower elliptically extending faces which converge into said outer perimeter; and

said body further defining a hollowed, substantially elliptical and interior cavity suspended within said body, said interior cavity causing centrifugal forces to be applied to said outer perimeter of said article, upon launching by said user and increasing individual incidences of said article contacting a water surface in a skipping fashion.

10. (Currently Amended) A water skipping article, comprising:

a three-dimensional body having a substantially smooth edged and ~~elliptical~~ circular outer perimeter, said body further including a side profile defined by a first ellipse created by upper and lower elliptically extending faces which converge into said outer perimeter, and

said body exhibiting a smooth and continuous exterior surface and further defining a hollowed and interior cavity suspended within said body, said body further including a second ellipse created by substantially elliptical and interiorly extending surfaces defining said interior cavity, said second inner ellipse being of a different width to thickness ratio than that of said first ellipse;

wherein, upon a user launching said article in a substantially horizontal trajectory and with a specified rotational spin, said elliptical configuration of said interior cavity causing centrifugal forces to be applied to said outer perimeter of said article and said elliptically extending faces increasing individual incidences of said article contacting a water surface.